



## County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

# March eBLAST

### Planning & Development Services (PDS) Adds Two More Online Permit Options!

Two new online permit options have been added for residential permit types:

- Electrical service upgrades to an existing main panel (maximum 400 amps)
- Heating and Air Conditioner change-outs (including package and split systems, forced air units, wall heaters, and ductwork)

These permit types may be processed via the [County's Accela Citizen Access](#). After selecting the PDS tab, click the "Apply for a Record" link to proceed. A [step-by-step](#) online permit guide is available to assist you through the process.

The two new permit types join a growing list of residential permit applications available online:

- Electric heat pump/AC repair or replacement
- Gas line repairs
- Glazing replacement/window retrofits (no net area change)
- Roof-mounted solar PV (no meter upgrade)
- Water heater replacement
- Water Sprinklers (Irrigation system connections)

### Community Signs & Banners Can Now Be Placed in the Road Right-of-Way

The new ordinance is effective as of Feb. 2014. Our customers can now find complete information regarding the permitting process for these types of signs on the [DPW webpage](#). For additional information, please contact Kenton Jones (DPW) at (858) 694-3843 or [kenton.jones@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:kenton.jones@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Heather Lingelser (PDS) at (858) 495-5802 or

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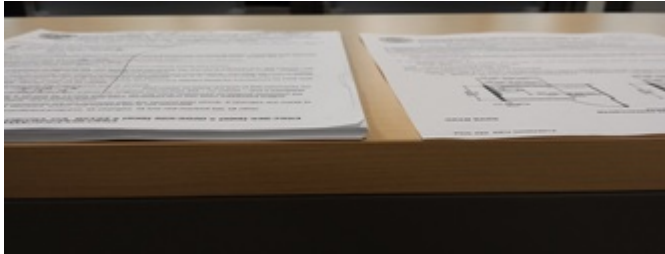
## New Commercial Plan Check Correction List Keeps It Simple for our Customers!

Shorter, easier to follow and use. Customers who are processing commercial building projects through plan checks will no longer enjoy condensed correction lists, thanks to a new PDA electronic tool. The result will be pared-down lists that simplify plan-check requirements for customers and builders.

PDS's Performance Improvement Team and Building Services teamed up to develop a tool that works as an electronic checklist for thousands of building code provisions that are potentially applicable to commercial projects. After the reviewer selects the provisions requiring additional plan revision for a particular project, the tool generates a concise, customized, printable correction list which should reduce the length of most commercial correction lists to between 20 and 80 pages – a decrease of 90 percent or more for many projects.

The new process replaces an old manual format that required plan reviewers to print out numerous standardized lists and circle those provisions requiring correction. The resulting correction lists often were dozens of pages long, regardless of the project size or number of plan check corrections.

The development of a more concise and customized commercial plan check list follows a similar residential version PDS introduced to customers in 2012.



List Generated by Old Process | List with New Process

## Code Compliance Clean Up Helps Neighbors



cleaning up.

Rusted truck trailers, cars that weren't working, empty sea-cargo containers, junk and trash prompted neighbors to ask PDS Code Compliance officers for help with a 16-acre vacant property in North County. Staff got in touch with the property's absentee owner and got him to start

## Did you know?

San Diego County has a long cultural history beginning about 10,000 years ago with the Kumeyaay (or Diegueño), Luiseño, Cupeño and Cahuilla Indian tribes.

## Online Services

### [Citizen Access Portal](#)

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

### [GIS Maps](#)

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.



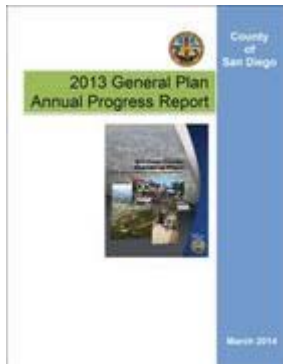
However, when he failed to complete the job, Code Compliance finished the job by posting the property for public nuisance abatement and hiring a contractor to remove discarded tires, mattresses, box springs, furniture, scraps of cloth, plastic and wood items, construction waste,

vehicle parts, and a discarded boat. The costs of this abatement will be recorded as a tax lien on the property so the County can recover all costs from the property owner. For more information about Code Compliance visit our [website](#).



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## PDS Prepares 2013 General Plan Annual Progress Report



The State requires the County to prepare an annual progress report to inform the Board of Supervisors (Board) and residents of San Diego County about the implementation status of the implementation of the County General Plan, housing issues, and major planning projects for the unincorporated county. The report will be presented to the Board at the March 12 hearing. PDS prepared the 2013 report with input from County Housing and Community Development,

Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Health, and General Services. This report highlights accomplishments in completing both discretionary and County-initiated planning activities during calendar year 2013.

For additional information, please contact Bob Citrano at (858) 694-3229 or [Robert.Citrano@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Citrano@sdcounty.ca.gov). The 2013 APR is available to review [here](#).

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## PDS Hosts Free Training on State Manufactured and Mobile Home Standards



PDS welcomed California Housing and Community Development Division of Codes and Standards (State HCD) officials to the County Operations Center campus Feb. 24 for training on state standards applicable to manufactured and mobile home installations. More than 30 staff members from ten local jurisdictions attended the free full-day session.

State HCD teams up with local jurisdictions to regulate manufactured and mobile home installations in the state. In the unincorporated areas of San Diego, PDS and the Department of Environmental Health collaborate with State HCD in verifying

manufactured and mobile home compliance. Manufactured and mobile home standards differ from the California Building Code, which applies to site-built projects. The training addressed those variances and highlighted structural, utility, and permit requirements.

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## Welcome Aboard!



David Hennis, Chief, Land Development

David Hennis joins PDS after serving as the city planner for the City of Homestead, Florida. David has more than 20 years of experience administering planning and development programs for public and private entities. In addition to his professional experience, David has a Master of Urban Planning and Urban Studies from the University of Akron, Ohio and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina. We are excited to have David as part of our leadership team.

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Karen Chadwick, GIS Technician

Karen Chadwick joins PDS in a permanent capacity after serving as a consultant in GIS (Geographic Information Services). Karen brings more than 14 years of experience in the GIS field; consulting for California Department of Fish and Wildlife and City of La Mesa, and Geomorph Information Systems, LLC, just to name a few. She holds a Master of Science and a Master of Surveying degrees as well as a GIS Technician certificate. Karen's vast experience will benefit the GIS section immensely, and we are pleased to add her to our team.



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